(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the remaining part of the grant would be made available to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) On 15.02.2002, Rs. 23.70 crore was released to Government of Gujarat against the State's claim of Rs. 41.02 crore for reimbursement of the payment of salary to the teachers. Further grants could not be released to Government of Gujarat due to non-receipt of clarification on pending audit para in respect of excess release of grants under the scheme.

Anti-ragging committees

762. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Central Universities have not constituted anti-ragging committees as required under Supreme Court's directions;

(b) if so, the names of these universities and the reasons for their not following Supreme Court's directions; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter and by when the concerned universities are likely to constitute anti-ragging committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Vacancies in Kendriya Vidyalayas in North Eastern Region

763. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5,000 posts of teachers are lying vacant in the Kendriya Vidyalayas of North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the local talent available in abundance is being taped to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (b) No, Sir. However, 867 posts were lying vacant in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the North East Region as on 1.08.2007 for various reasons which include retirement, resignation, termination from services of employees, opening of new KVs, upgradation of existing schools and non-joining of duties by candidates on direct recruitment/promotion.

(c) Recruitment in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) for all posts, except for Group -'D', is done on all India basis, through open competition. Candidates from